

## CHAP. 21.

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Preamble

## CHAP. XXI.

An Act for the relief of John King, and certain other Securities of William S. Handy, late Collector of Somerset county.

WHEREAS a certain William S. Handy was appointed collector of Somerset county for the year eighteen hundred and eighteen: And whereas, a certain John King, and others, became securities for the said William S. Handy, in his bond for the performance of his duty as collector aforesaid: And whereas, a suit has been brought against the said William S. Handy, and his securities aforesaid, by the levy court of Somerset county, for a certain sum levied and assessed by virtue of an act passed at December session eighteen hundred and seventeen, entitled, An act authorising the levy court of Somerset county to levy and assess a sum of money for certain purposes therein mentioned, which sum afterwards, by an act of assembly passed at December session eighteen hundred and eighteen, was appropriated to the payment of the expenses of the said county for the year eighteen hundred and nineteen, which said expenses have since been paid, without resorting to the money so as aforesaid appropriated: And whereas, a certain other suit was instituted by the trustees of the poor of said county against the said William S. Handy, and his securities aforesaid, for a certain sum of money levied and assessed for the use of the poor of said county for the year eighteen hundred and eighteen, which said sum the said William S. Handy failed to pay, and a sum was assessed and relieved for the same purpose the year following thereafter: And whereas, the owners of assessable property in said county are entitled to the said sums, when recovered on said suits: And whereas, a considerable portion of the owners of assessable property in said county have represented to this general assembly, that they are willing to relinquish all their interest in the claims aforesaid, to the securities aforesaid; therefore,

Release to securities

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the levy court aforesaid, and the trustees of the poor aforesaid, are hereby authorised and required to release to the securities aforesaid, such portion of the sums respectively due in said actions, as has been assessed to and levied on such owners of assessable property in said county, as have made the aforesaid representation, or as have released their respective interests in the aforementioned sums to the said securities, or given their written consent to such release, or who may hereafter release such interest to the securities aforesaid.

Balance, how to be applied

2. *And be it enacted,* That the levy court, and the trustees aforesaid, are hereby authorised and required to appropriate the balance of said sums, when recovered in the aforesaid actions, to the expenses of the said county, and apply the same to the entire and exclusive benefit of such owners of assessable property in Somerset county as have not released the securities aforesaid, or signed any petition to the general assembly expressing their consent to such a release, or who may not hereafter release to the securities aforesaid at any time previous to a recovery in the aforesaid actions.